GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue (DM) Department – APSDMA – Declaration of APSDMA as Nodal Agency for Dissemination of Information Relating to all Types of Disasters – Orders – Issued.

Revenue (Disaster Management-II) Department

G.O.Ms.No.15 Dated:06.11.2019

Read the following:-

1. The Disaster Management Act 2005.
2. G.O.Ms.No.1436, Revenue (DM-III) Department, Dated: 14-11-2007.
3. MoU signed between SHAR Centre and Government of Andhra Pradesh dated:

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ORDER:

The Government of India enacted the National Disaster Management Act, 2005 to provide the legal institutional frame work for the effective Management of Disasters. Under the provisions of Disaster Management Act 2005, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have framed the Andhra Pradesh Disaster Management Rules and notified and came to effect on 1st of August 2007.Accordingly the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA)was Constituted in 2007.

2. The State of Andhra Pradesh has a coast line of about 974kms, the 2nd longest among all the states of India after Gujarat. The state is traversed by major rivers-Vamsadhara, Nagavali, Krishna, Godavari and Penna from North to South. The coastal districts often experience Cyclones/Floods due to heavy rains and also prone to drought owing to scanty and irregular distribution of rainfall. In order to minimize the impacts due to natural disasters and to provide scientific advisory services to the Government, Government of Andhra Pradesh is actively considering the use of Technological solutions through Space Technologies from department of Space and undergone a MoU with Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Sriharikota.

3. A State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) has been established by APSDMA in its head quarters Building to tackle emergency situations in an efficient manner. The SEOC is equipped to Monitor Short- range, medium- Range, Long – Range, Weather related Natural Hazards in Multiple Locations such as Thunderstorm, Floods, Cyclones, Earthquakes etc. APSDMA is implementing Integrated Emergency Management System connecting all Emergency Responses Departments in the State where alerts, information regarding emergency response, relief and recovery are to be disseminated in real time to all stakeholders. Thus comprehensive Information based on inputs received from multiple agencies is analyzed and informed to authorities concerned for taking emergency risk mitigation operations. SEOC under APSDMA acts as a single contact point for all mandated Government of India institutions / departments working on all types of disaster management early warning issues and also acts as a notified nodal agency within the state to warn, coordinate and manage all disaster management related activities within the state. APSDMA is also identified as the agency to receive all inputs and information related to weather, cyclones, floods etc., from SHAR as per the MoU signed between Govt. of AP and SHAR-ISRO. Recently, it is brought to the notice of Government that certain forecasts and warnings from SHAR-ISRO are disseminated to public consumption, as well as to the various departments at state and district level. This creates ambiguity in decision making, and lead to confusion in the Incident Command line up as well to general public looking for authenticated information.

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4. Keeping in view of the above circumstances, the Government after careful examination hereby declare APSDMA as the Nodal agency to receive all information related to weather, severe weather events, floods, cyclones, Tsunamis or any other calamity from National/State/District agencies including SHAR-ISRO and disseminate the same after synthesing information received from all sources to State/District level functionaries and public after performing required data analytics after consuming APIs from various sources including SHAR-ISRO. The information relating to all types of Disasters/Deployment of Rescue Operations Force/Funding request from District authorities/Damage reports during disasters from district Administration/From Line Departments shall be furnished to the Special Commissioner (DM) and O/o Managing Director, APSDMA/Executive Director, APSDMA (Contact No.8333905022), E-mail id: ed-apsdma@ap.gov.in and seoc-apsdma@ap.gov.in. for coordinating with State Government Departments and Central Government agencies.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
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The Principle Secretary to Government, PR &RWS
The Principle Secretary to Government, MA & UD Department
The Principle Secretary to Government, Energy
The Principle Secretary to Government, Medical & Health Department
The Commr.& E.O. Secretary, Consumer Affairs & Civil Supplies Dept
The Director General of Police
The Director General, APSDR & Fire Services
The Commandant, 10th Battalion, Mangalagiri, Guntur
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The Commandant, Indian Coast Guard, Visakhapatnam
Director SHAR, ISRO
All The District Collectors

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The HODs concerned
PS to the Chief Secretary
PS to the Additional Secretary to CMO
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